

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE LIFE OF ALMON WILLIAM MARTIN

HON. JAMES B. RENACCI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 2, 2017

Mr. RENACCI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of Sergeant Almon William Martin, father of William Martin, Craig Martin, and Leslie Lederer and husband of Audrey June Martin. Sergeant Martin dedicated his life to serving his community and our Nation, serving in World War II as a tech sergeant in Europe and was interred at Arlington National Cemetery upon his passing in 2008.

Before serving in the United States Army, Sergeant Martin studied at Ohio Wesleyan University in Delaware, Ohio and completed his B.A. in Business Administration shortly after the conclusion of WWII. He then worked for the Gleasner Corporation/Ingersoll Rand in Buffalo, New York where he advanced to the position of vice president and divisional manager for the state of New York and Northern Pennsylvania. Sergeant Martin stayed with the company until his retirement in 1985. Throughout his retirement, Sergeant Martin also served as a mentor to upcoming businessmen through the Small Business Administration Volunteer program and used his business experience to help small businesses in the Fort Myers area start up, organize, and expand.

Sergeant Martin was an active member of his community, serving in organizations like Amigos, Central Park Men's Club, Chi Phi Fraternity, Lions Club, Kenmore Rotary Club, and the Buffalo Kiwanis Club. Martin also served in the Construction Industry Association and was the vice president of the University Club of Buffalo, New York. An engaged citizen, Martin was active in politics and encouraged his neighbors to engage in politics at the local level. He coached little league baseball and football and was an active member of the Kenmore United Methodist Church.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize a life so fully lived. Almon Martin instilled the values of service, hard work, integrity, and service into his children, employees, and mentees, values that we should all strive to uphold in our daily lives. I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in paying tribute to a valued soldier and citizen, Sergeant Almon William Martin.

HONORING GONZALES CHIEF OF POLICE PAUL D. MILLER

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. PANETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Gonzales Chief of Police Paul D. Miller on the occasion of his retirement after thirty-four years of distinguished service to the community of Gonzales.

Chief Miller has dedicated his entire career to the people of Gonzales, and our communities on the central coast of California. His career began in the Monterey County Sheriff's Explorer Program in 1978 where Chief Miller achieved the rank of Captain, the highest rank in that program. After completing the Explorer Program, Chief Miller joined the Gonzales Police Department (GPD), first as a reserve officer, and then a full-time officer in 1985. After being recognized as the Department Officer of the Year in 1987 and 1991, Chief Miller was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 1992. He was recognized a third time as Officer of the Year in 1995, and as Department Supervisor of the Year in 2006 and 2007. In 2010, he was appointed as Chief of Police for the City of Gonzales, where he served with distinction for seven years.

A champion of proactive community policing, Chief Miller provided important leadership that helped the GPD make important strides in reducing gang violence and maintaining Gonzales as one of the safest cities on the Central Coast. Under the leadership of Chief Miller, the GPD weathered one of the toughest recessions in history, coordinated the construction of a new 10,000 square-foot police station, and took a leadership role in securing key grants for the police departments of South Monterey County. Chief Miller also guided the department as the lead South County police agency in securing several important grants that helped provide important tools to help break the cycle of gang violence that continues to plague our communities on the central coast. One of these key grants included \$500,000 in funding for the city of Gonzales through the California Gang Reduction Intervention and Prevention (CalGRIP) Program.

Mr. Speaker, as a former prosecutor who has worked closely with local police to prosecute violent criminal gang members, I know from experience that the work of taking and keeping these and other dangerous people off the streets of our communities is not easy. It requires dedication, perseverance, and the selfless willingness to put oneself in harm's way in service to others. Chief Paul Miller certainly embodies these qualities, and I wholeheartedly thank him for this service, and congratulate him on his well-deserved retirement. There is no doubt that his commitment to justice, security, and prosperity for his community will be missed.

IN RECOGNITION OF SAINT LAURENCE PARISH

HON. PATRICK MEEHAN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 2, 2017

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Saint Laurence Parish in Upper Darby, Pennsylvania as it celebrates its 100th anniversary on June 10, 2017.

In 1917, Reverend Maurice C. Cowl became the first pastor of the Saint Laurence Parish.

As Delaware County grew, the parish school opened its doors in 1919 and soon served many families.

The Saint Laurence School is still an award-winning institution in the community, committed to academic excellence. The parish school seeks to integrate Catholic values of service and respect. With the dedication and devotion of nearly ten pastors in the last hundred years, the Saint Laurence Parish is proud to serve nearly two thousand registered households in the Upper Darby and Havertown areas today.

Mr. Speaker, we are grateful for the work of the Saint Laurence Parish, its parishioners, and Reverend Sean F. O'Neill and I hope the church will continue to grow and thrive.

RETIREMENT OF PATRICIA BROUGHTON

HON. NANETTE DIAZ BARRAGÁN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 2, 2017

Ms. BARRAGÁN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Patricia Broughton, a dedicated public servant who is retiring after serving five members of Congress in the Los Angeles Harbor Region. This week is Patricia's last week as my San Pedro caseworker. I like to call her a miracle worker.

Patricia is retiring after a 29 year long distinguished career advocating for the interests of constituents and our community. I extend my sincerest appreciation to her for her decades of dedicated service to the Los Angeles Harbor Region and our nation.

Patricia was born in Uniontown, Pennsylvania. She spent her formative years in Japan and returned to the United States in 1963. After her studies, she moved to Long Beach, California, and began her congressional career in 1989.

Over the years, Patricia has developed a reputation in the Los Angeles Harbor Region as a champion for constituents. My predecessors—including former Representatives Janice Hahn, Jane Harman, the late Steve Horn, and the late Glen Anderson—and I have received countless letters of appreciation from those whose lives were positively impacted by Patricia, and in 2011 the Wilmington Coordinating Council awarded her their "Outstanding Civil Servant" award.

As I mentioned, Patricia is a miracle-worker, and has handled virtually every type of case that is referred to a congressional office. She has solved complex Social Security and Medicare claims for seniors, helped disabled veterans who were not receiving their earned disability checks, and assisted those who had trouble with the Immigration and Naturalization Service and the Internal Revenue Service.

Patricia has been a voice for those in need and a source of comfort for those trapped in the bureaucratic maze that is the federal government. For example, Patricia successfully

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